



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| MONIQUE VAN DER ZON, ET AL | § | |
| | § | DATE: July 18, 2006 |
| APPLICATION NO. 10/731,917 | § | |
| | § | GROUP ART UNIT: 1725 |
| FILED: December 10, 2003 | § | |
| | § | EXAMINER: Christina Johnson |
| FOR: Process for The Preparation | § | |
| Of Catalyst Microspheres | § | CONFIRMATION NO.: 5787 |

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION WITH REQUEST
FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed in the above-referenced application on January 25, 2006. Applicants respectfully request continued examination and reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on Page 4 of this Response.

Accompanying this paper is a RCE Transmittal form and a fee sheet authorizing payment for the RCE.